

## PERCENT OF ABORTIONS PERFORMED IN THE SECOND TRIMESTER

### Objective

By 1990, the proportion of abortions performed in the second trimester of pregnancy should be reduced to 6 percent, thereby reducing the death-to-case rate for legal abortions in the U.S. to 0.5 per 100,000.

### Explanatory Notes

This objective was not addressed in the nation's *Midcourse Review* (3). North Carolina data prior to 1978 may not be reliable and are not included.

### Findings

During the period 1978-1986, the percentage of resident abortions performed in the second trimester fluctuated between 9.4 and 12.5 to end at 12.3 in 1986. Based on 1982-1986 trends, the percentage is projected to rise slightly to 12.4 in 1990, which is more than double the national target.

During 1978-1986, no maternal deaths due to legal abortion were reported for N.C. residents.

### Data Source

State Center for Health Statistics